

Status of Submitted Budgets

In Region VII, the only submitted budgets for transportation conformity purposes pertain to the St. Louis metropolitan area and that area's 15% plan and attainment demonstration for the pollutant ozone.

In a letter dated May 27, 1999, from EPA to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Region VII determined that the area's budgets are inadequate and we are publishing that finding in this document. As stated in the May 14, 1999, guidance, EPA's adequacy review is not to be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval or disapproval of the submitted SIPs. Approvability of the SIPs will be addressed in a future rulemaking.

Because the area has performed certain other emissions analyses, its transportation programs may continue despite this finding of inadequacy regarding submitted budgets. Furthermore, the state is anticipated to submit new budgets by November 15, 1999.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

William Rice,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VII.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to Proposed State Operating Permit for Monroe Electrical Generating Plant Entergy Louisiana, Inc.; Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final order on petition to object to State operating permit.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the EPA Administrator has partially granted and partially denied a petition to object to a proposed State operating permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to the Monroe Electrical Generating Plant, Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. Pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act (Act), petitioner may seek judicial review of those portions of the petition which EPA denied in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit within 60 days of this decision under section 307 of the Act.

ADDRESSES: You may review copies of the final order, the petition, and other supporting information at the EPA, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment at least 24 hours before visiting day. The final order is also available electronically at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/ramain.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jole Luehrs, Chief, Air Permitting Section, Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, EPA, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7250, or electronic mail at luehrs.jole@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act affords EPA a 45-day period to review, and object to as appropriate, operating permits proposed by State permitting authorities. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of this review period to object to State operating permits if EPA has not done so. Petitions must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the State, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issues arose after this period.

Ms. Merrijane Yerger, Managing Director of the Citizens for Clean Air and Water (Petitioner), submitted a petition to the Administrator on February 9, 1999, seeking EPA's objection to the proposed title V operating permit to be issued to the Monroe Electrical Generating Plant (Monroe plant) owned and operated by Entergy Louisiana, Inc. (Entergy) and located in the city of Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. The petition objects to issuance of the proposed permit on five grounds: (1) LDEQ failed to subject the Monroe plant to prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) review, (2) the maximum capacity of the Monroe plant may have been increased by some unknown method at some time between 1976 and the time of the title V application without being subject to PSD review and New Source Performance Standards, (3) the proposed permit fails to incorporate enforceable one-hour maximum emission rate limitations for sulfur dioxide and other criteria pollutants, (4) the proposed permit includes apparent annual emissions increases that suggest PSD review should be conducted for the sulfur dioxide emissions, and (5)

sufficient information has not been provided in Entergy's permit application to ensure compliance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act disposal requirements.

In addition, the Petitioner requested the following: (1) that EPA issue an information request letter to Entergy and the City of Monroe under section 114 of the Act, requiring them to disclose all matters raised by this petition; and (2) that EPA conduct an on-site inspection of the Monroe plant to determine whether PSD and NSPS have been triggered.

On June 11, 1999, the Administrator issued an order partially granting and partially denying the petition. The order explains the reasons behind EPA's conclusion that the proposed title V operating permit fails to assure compliance with applicable PSD requirements as set forth in the Louisiana State Implementation Plan. The order also explains the reasons for denying Petitioner's remaining claims.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

W. B. Hathaway,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Applications for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

Due Date: September 24, 1999.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 9(a) and (b) of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (PL-101-619) mandates a National Environmental Education Advisory Council. The Advisory Council provides advice, consults with, and makes recommendations to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on matters relating to the activities, functions, and policies of EPA under the Act. EPA is requesting nominations of candidates for membership on the Council. The Act requires that the Council be comprised of eleven (11) members appointed by the Administrator of EPA, after consultation with the Secretary of U.S. Department of Education. Members represent a balance of perspectives, professional qualifications, and experience. The Act